

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application. Cancel claims 1-36, and add new claims 36-60, including independent claims 36, 47, 48, and 60.

Listing of All Pending Claims

36. (new) A method for broadcasting a message to a plurality of recipients using a wireless communications device, the method comprising the steps of:

 creating the message;
 selecting at least one recipient of the plurality of recipients from a recipient list;
 selecting at least one recipient address of a plurality of recipient addresses from
 the recipient list, the at least one recipient address corresponding to the at
 least one recipient;
 selecting at least one delivery status option of a plurality of delivery status
 options for the at least one recipient;
 broadcasting the message to the selected at least one recipient over a wireless
 communications network; and
 reporting a delivery status for the broadcast message as specified by the
 selected at least one delivery status option.

37. (new) The method of claim 36 wherein the step of broadcasting the message
further comprises the step of:

 selecting a schedule for broadcasting the message.

38. (new) The method of claim 36 wherein the step of broadcasting the message
further comprises the step of:

automatically broadcasting the message in response to a single command to a user interface of the wireless communications device.

39. (new) The method of claim 36 wherein the plurality of recipient addresses comprises:

- recipient telephone numbers;
- recipient voicemail boxes;
- recipient e-mail addresses; and
- recipient Internet addresses.

40. (new) The method of claim 36 wherein the plurality of delivery status options comprises:

- reporting that the at least one recipient received the message;
- reporting that an answering machine of the at least one recipient received the message; and
- reporting that the at least one recipient did not receive the message.

41. (new) The method of claim 40 further comprising the steps of:

- selecting recipient message response options for the at least one recipient; and,
- selecting recipient non-receipt options for the at least one recipient.

42. (new) The method of claim 41 wherein the recipient message response options comprise:

- accepting a response from the at least one recipient;
- displaying the response; and
- storing the response in a response memory.

43. (new) The method of claim 41 wherein the recipient non-receipt options comprise:

- rebroadcasting the message to the recipient addresses not receiving the

message,
displaying a status message regarding the recipient addresses not receiving the message, and
doing nothing in response to the recipient addresses not receiving the message.

44. (new) The method of claim 43 wherein the recipient non-receipt option of rebroadcasting the message to the recipient addresses not receiving the message further comprises:

selecting a number of rebroadcast attempts; and
selecting a time between the rebroadcast attempts.

45. (new) The method of claim 36 wherein the step of creating the message further comprises the steps of:

establishing a plurality of message macros with blank fields;
selecting a macro of the plurality of message macros; and,
completing the blank fields in the macro.

46. (new) The method of claim 36 wherein the step of creating the message further comprises the step of:

downloading data and video messages into the wireless communications device from an interface port.

47. (new) A method for automatically broadcasting messages to a plurality of recipients, the method comprising the steps of:

preprogramming recipient addresses into a recipient memory in a wireless communications device, the recipient addresses corresponding to the plurality of recipients;
storing the messages into a message memory;
selecting a set of recipients of the plurality of recipients;

selecting recipient addresses corresponding to the set of recipients for receiving a broadcast message of the stored messages;

selecting delivery status options for each recipient of the set of recipients, the delivery status options comprising:

identifying the recipient addresses receiving the broadcast message,

identifying the recipient addresses with answering machines receiving the broadcast message, and

identifying the recipient addresses not receiving the broadcast message;

selecting recipient message response options, the recipient message response options comprising:

accepting responses from the recipient addresses,

displaying the responses, and

storing the responses in the wireless communications device;

selecting recipient non-receipt options comprising:

rebroadcasting the broadcast message to the recipient addresses not receiving the broadcast message,

displaying a status message regarding the recipient addresses not receiving the broadcast message, and

doing nothing in response to the recipient addresses not receiving the broadcast message; and

broadcasting the broadcast message to the each recipient.

48. (new) A wireless communications device for broadcasting a message to a plurality of recipients, comprising:

a message memory for storing the message;

a recipient memory for storing at least one recipient address of a plurality of recipient addresses, the at least one recipient address corresponding to at least one

recipient of the plurality of recipients;

a user interface for selecting the at least one recipient, and for accepting delivery status option selections, recipient message response option selections, and recipient non-receipt option selections from a user;

a broadcast circuit connected to the message memory, the recipient memory and the user interface, the broadcast circuit for controlling a broadcast of the message in accordance with the delivery status option selections, the recipient message response option selections, and the recipient non-receipt option selections; and,

a transceiver connected to the broadcast circuit for transmitting the message over an airlink interface to the at least one recipient.

49. (new) The wireless communications device of claim 48 wherein the user interface is connected to the message memory for storing one of a voice message, a text message and video message into the message memory.

50. (new) The wireless communications device of claim 48 wherein the broadcast circuit establishes compliance instructions for the at least one recipient address in response to the delivery status option selections.

51. (new) The wireless communications device of claim 50 wherein the broadcast circuit supplies the compliance instructions with the message for transmission to the at least one recipient.

52. (new) The wireless communications device of claim 51 wherein the transceiver receives recipient return information over the airlink interface responsive to the compliance instructions, and wherein the transceiver supplies the recipient return information to the broadcast circuit.

53. (new) The wireless communications device of claim 52 wherein the broadcast

circuit utilizes the recipient return information to display a delivery status on the user interface in accordance with the delivery status option selections.

54. (new) The wireless communications device of claim 48 wherein the delivery status option selections comprise:

- identifying recipient addresses receiving the message, and
- identifying recipient addresses not receiving the message.

55. (new) The wireless communications device of claim 48 wherein the recipient message response option selections comprise:

- accepting a response from the at least one recipient,
- displaying the response, and
- storing the response in the response memory.

56. (new) The wireless communications device of claim 55 further comprising:

- a response memory connected to the broadcast circuit for accepting and storing the response, the response memory further connected to the user interface for displaying the stored response on the user interface.

57. (new) The wireless communications device of claim 48 wherein the recipient non-receipt option selections comprise:

- rebroadcasting the message to the recipient addresses not receiving the message,
- displaying a status message regarding the recipient addresses not receiving the message, and
- doing nothing in response to the recipient addresses not receiving the message.

58. (new) The wireless communications device of claim 57 wherein the broadcast circuit accepts rebroadcast selections from the user interface comprising:

a number of rebroadcast attempts; and
a time between rebroadcast attempts.

59. (new) The wireless communications device of claim 48 wherein the message memory comprises:

a plurality of message macros with blank fields;

wherein the user interface is utilized for selecting a message macro of the plurality of message macros, and for populating the blank fields of the selected message macro.

60. (new) A wireless communications device for automatically broadcasting messages to a plurality of recipients, comprising:

a message memory for storing a plurality of messages;

a recipient memory for storing a plurality of recipient addresses corresponding to the plurality of recipients;

a user interface for selecting a message of the plurality of messages from the message memory, for selecting at least one recipient address of the plurality of recipient addresses from the recipient memory, and for selecting delivery status option selections;

a broadcast circuit connected to the message memory to accept the selected message, connected to the recipient memory to accept the selected at least one recipient address, and connected to the user interface to accept the selected delivery status option selections, the broadcast circuit creating a broadcast message comprising the selected message and compliance instructions based upon the selected delivery status option selections; and,

a transceiver connected to the broadcast circuit for transmitting the broadcast message to the selected at least one recipient address over a wireless interface.